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POLICE HARASSMENT RISES!

POLICE HARASSMENT ON THE RISE

BEGINNING OF ANOTHER ERA

It has been so many years of freedom for Gay people in San Francisco that we all tend to take it for granted. It is really just a matter of ten years since we had police harassment and Alcohol Beverage Control agents all over us and our bars. It appears as if the pendulum is beginning to swing back.

Although most incidents and harassing tactics are still in isolated sections of the city, we must all be one our guard. The standard cliches of "I am not my brother's keeper", "It can't happen to me" will not work. If the police get an inch into our hard won freedom, they are going to want a foot. It is very easy for us to turn our backs, avoid certain areas, or find other bars to patronize. But what makes you think they will not simply follow you throughout the city? They will!

While this article is written to try and make all Gay citizens aware of some problems that are beginning to arise from once forgotten ashes, it is also written to alarm you and make you once again concerned for your welfare and well being.

POLICE STATISTICS

While the straight press continually reports that hard crime is on the decrease the truth is that crime, at least in this city, is being reclassified. Non-victim crime statistics are on a large increase, while the amount of unsolved criminal activity on the hard crime side is in itself criminal. It seems as though our police can get more meritorious citations in their file for busting prostitutes, pimps, hippies, drunks and Gay people. It also seems as if our police feel that this is SAFE POLICE ACTION; in other words, they won't get shot at, or beaten up, or have to testify in court. Which brings us to another trip. Most of our judges are

tired of the perjury and false stories handed out by so many members of our police force that most get thrown out of court. The Black community fights back constantly, so the police are afraid to tackle that minority group, and lately, other minorities are fighting back also (i.e. the Latin Americans, Indians, Chinese and Filipinos). So, draw your own conclusions. What do they have left? YOU'RE RIGHT! US!!!

TACTICS USED

We see once again in this city tactics being used against us which were all but forgotten. Officers, both uniformed and in plainclothes, in and out of our bars. People being stopped on the street and questioned and/or harassed. Being called upon in the middle of the night for unpaid traffic tickets. Businesses being issued citations and the cited being told that he was turned in by one of his own kind. A.B.C. (Alcholic Beverage Control) is back out in force checking

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ZAP A LONG

INTO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE...

The Zap-a-long held by the GAY ALLIANCE with 33 Zappers marching a two mile Zap-route, hit the Hilton Hotel garage jail, the Bank of America, the Federal Building to protest hiring discrimination against Gaypeople, City Hall where 300 persons watched in awe as the Zappers Zapped City Hall into shock. At City Hall, the Zappers went inside, something that the GAY ALLIANCE has never done before as a body, and went into the Board of Supervisors where they had a warm reception from Bruce Raful, aide to Board President Ron Pelosi; then into the Mayor's Office where they did a set-in, ending with John DeLuca, right hand of the Mayor meeting with GAY ALLIANCE chairperson, Reverend Ray Broshears. Broshears described the meeting as extremely informative and productive, but refused to give B.A.R. any details, saying, "I think that (continued on next page)

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for minors and any other thing that might morally offend them. Talking to a "friend" in a bar or on the streets, and agreeing to go with him, usually after he makes the offer, only to find yourself arrested for soliciting an officer of the law. In many cases, if they can't find a valid reason to hold or arrest you, just beating you up will satisfy some of their egos.

While I am still on the subject of the police, let me make something quite clear. The article is not meant to reflect on all the city's police. Many officers, nay most policemen, are overworked and do a decent and excellent job. Of late, however, it seems as if orders are coming from "upstairs" or "downtown" as the case may be, and many policemen find themselves getting involved in areas they don't want to be in, fighting and arresting persons they like and respect. In many cases, apologizing to you as they carry out their orders.

WHAT CAN YOU DO

First, watch your step. If stopped, for any reason, be pleasant. Some of our cops look for the slightest excuse to arrest or beat you. Cooperate. You are

required to give them your name and address only. DO NOT TELL THEM WHERE YOU WORK! (You can always be a student or unemployed.) Don't knowingly take a minor (under 21) into your favorite bar or it may be a laundromat next week. If you see police walk through a bar, don't panic or run out. They may go after you just for the sport of it. And don't give them any lip in passing. Pay your traffic tickets and don't jaywalk. (We know of one case where a Gay person was stopped, and after 45 minutes of questioning, he was finally given a ticket because he forgot to lock his automobile. You're right, it's chickenshit. We also must notify others if you see an instance of harassment. Report the incident to S.I.R., 781-1570, or to the nearest bartender or call 771-3366, Ray Broshears. If you are involved in any incident, get two facts straight and memorize them for your future and possibly this community's future, the time and the badge number of the officer involved. If you are just passing by, get the number of the police vehicle and the time. We must have bonafide information if we wish to fight the police in court.

Zap a long (continued)

Gaypeople of San Francisco have been mis-represented to the Mayor in the past, and there are going to be better days ahead." From the Mayor's Office they Zapped into the Office of the Sheriff, where the Undersheriff Smith met with them. All agreed that he's a nice guy, nicer than Hongisto, but they accomplished the same with him, NOTHING.

Zapping along, they went into the Office of the Assessor, who has been harassing the GAY ALLIANCE, and did a "book-in" with record books being read by the members and left open for the inspection of anyone coming into the Office. The Assessors Office just wasn't ready for that.

From there, the Zappers went to the State Building and did a set-in in the Office of Senator Milton Marks. His aide, Harvey Haukari, met with the set-inners and sat-in with them, and rapped with the Zappers for an hour, giving forth with assurances of assistance in what form the Senator could to the problems as presented to him. Haukari said to the B.A.R. that the

Zap-set-in was the most exciting thing that has happened to the State Building in years, and that he enjoyed having a chance to rap with the mostly Tenderloinites. He said that he considers the problems they are having with various officials quite serious.

From the State Building, the Zappers went into KGO, to protest the consistently sexist smirking remarks made by KGO-TV newscasters Jerry Jensen, Van Amberg, John Jock O'Reilly, and Peter Giddings. But things went into a frenzy at KGO with the receptionist hitting the alarm bell the minute the Zappers came into the lobby, and yelling for help. Nearly eighty persons came to her "rescue"!, and surrounded the Zappers with billyclubs. The Zappers demanded a meeting with Russ Coughlin, station manager, who has refused to respond to complaints about the newsroom 4. Zappers were informed that he was out of town, and acting in his absence was Sonny Buxton and David Crane, who both kept shouting that they "would not be Mau Maued by a bunch of faggots". Well, the Zappers were amazed, for none of the Zappers looked like members of the Mau Mau, but, left the station, being outnumbered badly, with a promise to return if Buxton continued to refuse or evade meetings with the GAY ALLIANCE concerning the bias words of the newsroom newscasters.

After three and a half hours, the Zappers returned to the point of origination, and had a few refreshments.

Television channel KQED-9 gave extensive coverage to the Zap-a-long, calling it a "well organized, orderly, clever and pr productive demonstration." KPIX-5 gave some coverage to the event. The only bad part of the Zap-a-long was the "bad-mouthings of an elected officer of SIR who said that such things gave the Gay "community" a bad image using those drag queens." The GAY ALLIANCE peoples came back with a nice thank you and ignored the person.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Prices Rise

The last bastion of good food at less-than-average prices is about to fall. The Gay restaurants are being caught in the same price hike that everyone else is.

Wholesale meat prices climb each week, and the chicken, once a reasonable item for anyone, is being wholesaled for 57 cents a pound. This price is almost doubled from less than a month ago.

While most Gay houses will raise their prices reasonably, it is suggested that diners check prices and compare straight houses and look into their price hikes. You will find that your best restaurant dollar will still be well spent at your own Gay houses.

We have also been assured that when and if the prices slide back, that these menu prices now being raised will be cut back and the savings passed backed to the Gay customer.

Unfortunately, we must also look forward to some of our favorite

beverages being priced upwards. Most wines are difficult to obtain and their wholesale prices have damn near doubled. Also, with the dollar re-evaluation, many imports (i.e. scotches, liqueurs and other specialty items) will also be raised at the wholesale level. This raise will of course be passed back to us.

Bartenders Beware

With the increase of police and A.B.C. activity in the city, bartenders should be extremely careful. A simple guideline and some of the things that citations are being issued for follows:

1. MINORS: We have had four arrests in three weeks in this area. Double check customer's I.D.'s and when in doubt, refuse service.

2. FONDLING OR GETTING OVERLY AMOROUS WITH

CUSTOMERS: We are all guilty of this and if we carry on, how can we control our patrons.

3. SERVING DRUNKS: It is against the law, both state and city, to serve obviously intoxicated persons, and under the Dram Shop laws, you can be held responsible for any accidents or incidents that may happen after they leave your premises.

4. AFTER HOURS DRINKING: All drinks must be off the bar at 2:00 A.M., and no one, employee or otherwise, can drink after this hour. Police have been very zealous in this area lately.

5. IMMORAL CONDUCT: Patrons should be discouraged from engaging in sexual activity in any form on the premises. Under our current laws, the entire house can be arrested and booked under the 647 Sections of the Penal Code.

6. DRUGS: There is very heavy police surveillance going on in this area (plainclothes of course) and all persons are warned that the shit (literally) will soon hit the fan.

We will try to bring you in future issues up to date rulings and the latest tactics being used by our friends in blue. So, for the moment, become aware and try and keep your bar open and maintain your own employment. Also, I must remind you that as the bartender on duty at the time, you too can be arrested and charged, along with the guilty party.

Helping Hands

HELPING HANDS GAY COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

Monday nights at 8 PM — Drag Queen Rap & Class with Tony Russo.

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MA BELLE SAYS GAYS IMMORAL

An official of the Pacific Telephone Company said that the Gay Movement cannot be compared to the civil rights movement because one is concerned with racial discrimination and the other with immorality.

Larry Entrican, the firm's Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance Director said again that the firm will not employ homosexuals, nor even heterosexuals who had spoken out, written, or acted on behalf of Gay rights. He said the Gay movement was not a political issue but a moral issue.

The remarks were made at, and shortly after a conference between the Human Rights Commission the phone company and several representatives of various Gay organizations.

The meeting was held in the Human Rights Commission Office in San Francisco March 12.

The meeting was called by the Human Rights Commission to hear the phone company's answer to an

employment discrimination complaint filed by Don Jackson. An earlier meeting to discuss the same issue was held last winter, but the meeting was abortive because phone company officials refused to discuss the issue in the presence of Berkeley Barb reporter Nick Benton and Rev. Borshears. Broshears and Benton were not notified nor invited to the most recent meeting.

Most of the Gay Community representatives expected the phone company would modify its exclusionary policy, but when it became clear that the policy had been hardened and extended to cover even heterosexuals speaking out for Gay rights, many Gays became angry.

"You are unreasonable," Gay activist Larry Littlejohn said angrily, "And I don't believe the reasons you state for your policy. I think your policy is due to the personal attitude of someone high up in the phone company."

After the meeting, Don Jackson said that he is convinced that the policy is "the tactic of a certain closet queen vice president who is hiding behind

anti-homosexualism as a shield to cast off suspicions about himself. "I know who he is, what I want is substantiating evidence so that I can expose the Pacific Tel and Tel Belle. Anyone who knows anything about the sex lives of phone company vice presidents, please let me know for the sake of all Gays."

"The right of privacy.", Jackson said, "The old Belle has made an issue of my private sexual conduct. I take that personally, and I think it's fair that I make an issue out of the private sex lives of phone company officials."

Mattachine Films

One of the most interesting presentations of male sex films is now being shown in San Francisco as the weekly series of short films on this subject by the MATTACHINE SOCIETY at 384 Ellis St. daily at 4:30 and 7:00. The admission is the lowest in the city for this type of show and well worth it most of the time. Not only do you see current sex films but you also are treated to a few historical films which show just how much films of this sort have changed in the last few years.

The atmosphere of the screening room, for this is not a theatre per se, is very pleasant with a library of books regarding homosexuality on both walls and comfortable chairs with free coffee served. Entrance is gained thru the ADONIS BOOK STORE located right next door prior to show time as slides are shown preceding the films themselves. The schedule changes each Monday and therefore to review the program attended would be pointless since this has changed by publication date of this paper. MATTACHINE is currently in the process of running a Colt Film Festival which includes two or three shorts per week from this eastern studio. These are not the usual "hard core" films but rather present hunky type models in masculine surroundings doing various titillating things. These films are more in the genre of "masturbation" fantasies and the audience seems to realize this and responds with general appreciation.

If your main beef with other "pornie" film houses has been the price and the place, it's worth your time to visit the MATTACHINE SOCIETY'S version of this presentation of sex film.

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(second and final article in a series)

SAN FRANCISCO CITY BUDGET

\$110 MILLION, (continued)

of the welfare case load is the result of Victimless crime enforcement.

Add up 76% of the 35 million police budget and a like percentage of the jail, public defender, district attorney, probation, criminal courts and juvenile courts budgets, together with 34% of the 163 million welfare budget — it adds up to \$109.7 million!

The 1973-74 police budget, which Alioto just sent to the Supervisors, calls for spending \$55 million, an increase of 56% over last year. If the arrest rate raises by the same percentage, the cost of victimless crime enforcement will rise to \$171 million, almost two-thirds of the total property tax revenues.

The welfare survey, which was made by two social workers at the S.F. Department of Social Services shows that when a man gets arrested for a victimless crime, his family goes on welfare. Even when the victimless criminal does not get sent to jail, he usually loses his job as a result of the arrest. It is very hard for a man with this type of arrest record to get another job, so he usually remains on welfare for a long time.

The randomly selected welfare files disclose that 34% of all welfare cases are those in which the person or family ends up on welfare as a result of victimless crime. Often, especially in the aid to needy children cases, the father has disappeared or fled the state as a result of arrest or fear of arrest. In other cases, the father is in jail or unable to find work on account of the arrest.

Victimless crime arrests are, on the average, much more expensive than hard crime arrests. Arrests of marijuana vendors, pornographers, massage parlor operators, commercial gamblers and the like requires a notoriously tedious investigation before the arrest is made. The Chronicle frequently reports verbiage something like "the arrest was the culmination of months of investigation by scores of law enforcement officers." Such verbiage never appears in the body of a story about a victim crime arrest, but seems almost always to be relevant to the arrest of a victimless criminal.

Two policemen spent six nights in the New Follies Theater on 16th St. They purchased 12 \$5 tickets with the taxpayers' money while trying to decide if the live sex act on the stage was simulated. All this to arrest two actors.

Even drunk arrests are not as quick to make as it would appear. It only takes a moment to throw a drunk in the patrol wagon, but what about the slow nights when hours are wasted driving around looking for someone to arrest? And what good does the arrest do anyone?

How many policemen spend days hiding behind the vent in a toilet to arrest a single cruising Gay. How many policemen spend countless restless nights trying to entrap a cop-wise prostitute?

A notorious example is the Beach and Park Patrol, which never arrests anyone except homosexuals and an occasional pot smoker. During a recent rainy period, 60 men spent three full weeks with nothing to show but the arrest of one elderly gentleman, who

was arrested on a lewd and lascivious conduct charge in a toilet in Golden Gate Park. The cost of the arrest in wages alone comes to \$36,000 — not including fringe benefits, vehicle costs, administrative or overhead costs, which probably adds up to another \$36,000.

The police called the man's employer to inform him of the arrest. He lost his job. He says he's going on welfare when his unemployment insurance runs out. Worse, he entered a "not guilty" plea and asked for a jury trial. By the time the court costs, district attorney's costs, public defender's costs and all the other expenses connected with the trial are added up, the trial may well cost the taxpayers another \$72,000. Some may feel that the city's \$144,000 will be wasted if he is not convicted; however, enlightened taxpayers are praying for acquittal, so they will not have to pay the cost of keeping him in jail.

Even the \$110 million figure is a gross understatement. It does not include the costs to the victim in the form of legal expenses and lost wages, nor the non-monetary costs in terms of demoralization, mental trauma and embitterment. Then there are immense non-dollar costs to society, which I will outline below.

Los Angeles Police Chief Davis says there are no victimless crimes. I agree. The victims are the people arrested, the taxpayers and society. The villains are the police and the politicians who appropriate the funds, and I suspect, organized crime is behind the whole thing.

Someone should start an organization for the victims of

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THE BATHS

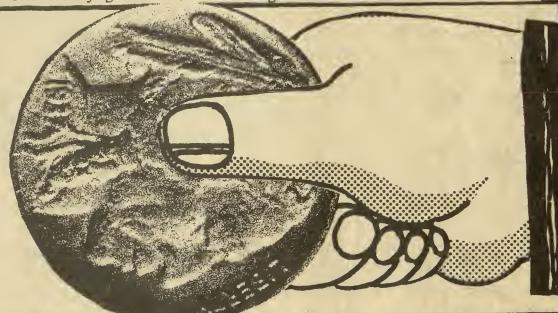
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victimless crime enforcement, membership would be open to anyone who has been arrested under these laws, all taxpayers and all members of society.

Perhaps the most insidious aspect of victimless crime is the way it contributes to hard crime. Victimless criminals are often so embittered against society that they turn to hard crime for vengeance. In jail, they can find plenty of hardened criminals willing to teach them the necessary skills, which they can use when they become angry enough over employment exclusion.

Many cities the size of San Francisco — including Washington D.C., Pittsburgh Pa., and Baltimore Md., have abolished victimless crime enforcement, thus furnishing living proof that civilization does not collapse when useless laws are not enforced.

In Los Angeles, City Councilman Joel Wachs has introduced a resolution that will make it official city policy that "the police get off victimless crimes and get on serious hard crimes." The proposed city ordinance will amend the police section of the city budget, and would provide that public funds cannot be used for the payment of police salaries used on victimless crimes.

Wachs presented the resolution because of pressure from taxpayer groups who are alarmed by the vast amounts spent on victimless crime.

In spite of what is happening elsewhere, the percentage of the police budget wasted on victimless crimes in San Francisco has doubled since Alioto took office. San Francisco now spends more money on victimless crime both percentage-wise and in total than any other city in America.

The big but very delicate question is why? Organized crime is involved in prostitution, drugs, Gay bars, bookmaking, pin balls, gambling and pornography. One of the largest downtown hotels employs 200 "massuses," in addition to large scale gambling operations. Maybe it doesn't want competition from free lance street walkers, call girls and small time bookies. Organized crime would make a large profit by making the taxpayers pay the cost of creating a monopoly for it by eliminating unwanted competition.

The victimless crime laws are products of the old Judeo-Christian

morality. Many young people can't understand why we have these archaic laws at all. To many older people, there are no victimless crimes. They feel there are simply two types of crimes — those in which a person is the victim and those in which something they call "public morality" or God is the victim. To those who subscribe to Judeo-Christian morality, public morality and God are just as real, and just as much victimized by these offenses as a woman who is beaten, robbed and raped.

Perhaps the most significant part of the generation gap is the view toward victimless crime. Most younger people feel that a crime is an action which harms somebody else. They feel that smoking grass, consensual sex and so on are matters of personal choice that ought not be the concern of police.

Feeling as they do, many young people simply ignore the victimless crime laws. Moralists react by screaming they are criminals and that the police are letting crime run rampant. The police, who are quite responsive to the older, property owning class, react with crack-downs.

And so begins a vicious cycle. The young become embittered against society because of what they view as unjust persecution. The moralists become enraged because they feel that God is being spiritually raped, robbed, beaten, or however it is they think God is harmed. The police react with more persecutions, the young react with increasingly blatant violation of the law.

The result is the percentage of arrests for victimless crimes has risen from 18% of all arrests in 1951 to 76% in 1971. Less tangible, but more important, is the ill-will and distrust created by the controversy.

In San Francisco, a blue ribbon Crime Commission wrote up a report declaring the 61% of the total police manpower is deployed on victimless crime. Real crime has run rampant, the report said, because the police spend far too much time enforcing morals laws.

The report charges that victimless crime enforcement has actually increased the rate of hard crime for three reasons: 1. Police are so pre-occupied chasing marijuana smokers, prostitutes and gamblers they have little time left for legitimate law

enforcement. 2. As a result of persecution, many victimless criminals have lost all respect for the law. 3. Persons with police records for morals and drug offenses have great difficulty finding jobs, so many of them turn to real crime as a means of survival.

Mayor Alioto, who had ordered the report made at great expense to the city, put the report away in a drawer, and it was promptly forgotten. Indeed, the police accelerated their concentration on victimless crime, raising the percentage of police deployed to 76% in 1971.

San Francisco Chronicle columnist Charles McCabe points out that the police chief and police commission are appointed by the Mayor in San Francisco; therefore, Alioto is wholly to blame. McCabe implies that the high victimless crime arrest rate is a smoke screen to conceal what poor job police are doing fighting real crime.

Society is victimized by victimless crime enforcement. It has created widespread disrespect for the law. Taxpayers are victimized by high taxes. Drug and morals offenders are victimized by being made unemployable. But perhaps the most pathetic victims are the women who are raped, the men who are mugged and the families who are burgled because the police are all out posing as heads, entrapping prostitutes and chasing fairies through the park.

If taxpayers are really concerned about their tax bills they should go and tell the supervisors in no uncertain terms that they don't want to pay a third of their tax bill for this useless police activity.

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from the mailbag



Gentlemen:

In regard to the recent casting for the new production of the BOY FRIEND, I feel that the dishonesty of the casting procedures should be brought to the attention of the homophile community.

It's a shame that the new and young talent in this city are not given an honest chance by the so-called professional theatre groups within our community and city. Three weeks ago I was told not to bother with auditioning for THE BOY FRIEND which has been scheduled for production by YONKERS PRODUCTIONS. I had heard that it was 'pre-cast' and refused to believe it. I went and had a preliminary audition and was then asked to return the following night for another reading.

Granted, nothing was promised but when a person takes his time to do as the director has asked, especially working over the night on the part being tried out, at the very least he should be given the chance to read for that part. No one likes to sit for three and a half hours and do nothing while waiting to be called as asked.

The talent represented was good, but in the same manner, the others who did come were not even asked to read or sing for purposes of comparison. One of the actors was told that no decisions would be made on that night of the final auditions, but that we would all be informed of the director's decision on the following day. However, as the evening progressed, it became quite plain that this would not indeed, be the case. After sitting through the entire audition period we were dismissed after the cast was chosen. That same evening, after the cast was finally chosen I truly began to wonder if perhaps the show as actually pre-cast. Especially so, when it was announced that some of the parts were being given to certain people who had not even bothered to attend the final auditions. If favourites must be selected before a new show is cast, then what chance is there for the new and interesting talents here in the city. In any case, why bother to call general auditions if the cast of the new productions is already set; that just means an incredible waste of our valuable time.

I can certainly offer some advice to new members of our community who are seeking opportunities in theatre groups here; 'If you hear rumours that the show is pre-cast, they're probably true but don't let that stop you, just be sure that you have connections, a copy of the script and a copy of the musical score before you show up.'

Very truly yours,
Tommy Almon

the together people

by Mike Wright

Spring has sprung and that's the time when a young man's fancy turns to fancy young men. Top that with trips, shows, and awards and you have the peninsula buzzing with excitement in the weeks to come.

The big news down this way is the upcoming CABARET SHOW which will be held at the BOLD KNIGHT in Sunnyvale. The show, starting at 9:30 PM Friday and Saturday the 30th and 31st of March will feature such stars as Dowager Grande Czarina Gabby, Grand Czarina III Nickie Nations, Grand Czarina IV Billy Diamond, plus Bashka, Alfie, and the Cabaret Girls just to name a few. Some surprise numbers thrown in, including a real stripper and a very talented Swan will guarantee excellent entertainment for the one dollar donation collected at the door. The

proceeds of this show incidentally will go towards the Mr. Peninsula II contest. This show, sponsored by the Peninsula Guild will be produced and directed by Sir Michael. Don't miss it.

Now for some other items of interest. Had brunch at the KONA KAI last weekend. The food was delicious and the service great. Don't miss the antics of the new waiter(ess) Miss La Voux and Dick the bartender. They really make this place perfect for the new home of the Peninsula Yenta, George. Mosel Tov to you all.

In Redwood City, the CRUISER has opened a restaurant staffed by the well known gastronomists George and Jack. Micki the new waitress and Jack the waiter give the place the right atmosphere a good restaurant needs. Try it, you'll love it.

The first annual Queen Bee Contest has been announced by the HIVE. The contest is opened to anyone and will theme "what you think the Queen Bee should be." Watch for the date of contest.

We are happy to see John (from the GARDEN) now working at the CRUISER in Redwood City. In Palo Alto, Buzz, brand new to the area is doing a great job at the GARDEN. Speaking of the GARDEN, a bus trip for Reno left their last weekend. Chuck did a great job of organizing, and although no one came home rich they all came home happy.

On April 6th, the BOLD KNIGHT in Sunnyvale will host the Reigna Fairy's Follies. Two of the candidates this year are Larissa, Princess Royal of San Jose and Arvis Prince. Good luck to you both.

The Peninsula, deserving of their own awards, has decided to institute their own award system called the Gabby Diamond awards. (They've got real diamonds no less) April 21st will be election day, but more about that later.

The BAYOU LOUNGE has started a new camp award called the Crap Disturber of the Year Award. The award will be given in May to coincide with the anniversary of the BAYOU LOUNGE.

Personal notes. Good Luck to you Chris for being nominated for the Playboy Male Vocalist award.

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Commentary

William E. Beardemphl Comments

It looks as if the Gay Freedom Day Celebration, June 24, is shaping up to be one event that no one in the Gay Community of San Francisco will want to miss. The proposed Parade, Dance, Rally and Fair have grown out of the badly mangled Christopher Street Parade of last year. This year the celebration steps ahead into another era that will be characterized by one of pride and joy at being homosexual.

I can assure any that are interested that this year there will not be the ripoff that happened last year because yours truly has been elected to oversee the funds of the Committee. All monies will be accounted for or the persons who do not comply with complete honesty will be required to answer to the District Attorney.

This brings up the subject that has plagued the homosexual community all across this country of ours, of personal and organizational honesty. We are all aware that the last three years have particularly demonstrated a two faced attitude on the part of most persons that have declared themselves to be "leaders" in the Gay Movement. Hopefully the Gay Freedom Celebration will NOT have any of the bitchery, backstabbing, theivery and weird unity trips of those who label themselves as "establishment homophile leaders."

There is change in the wind. We are now seeing a return to those standards that are the founding principles of our country. The very radical groups that

have seemed to be the spokesmen for homosexuals and have been the most vociferously opposed to American principles are coming apart at the seem. These groups are now wasting their time fighting amongst themselves for control of "empty paper bags."

Meanwhile the overall political community of San Francisco searching for, is reaching out to find honest representatives from the homosexual community who will openly take a responsible place with the establishment. Conservatives, as we as liberals, in both political parties have been asking homosexuals to stand for political offices. It is becoming apparent that no active political group considers itself representative of the overa community unless it has connection within the homosexual community. Political integration of homosexuals is starting to be a reality in San Francisco.

As this phenomenon of open homosexual participation in the political processes comes more to the fore, it will become increasingly incumbent upon the homosexual community to move out of the past cloak and dagger status of illegality. We will have to purge from ourselves the conditioning that self denigrates us as criminals per se.

We will also have to be doubly concerned to eliminate from "leadership" status those that are victim oriented criminals or representatives from criminal groups.

It must be a standard for homosexuals that we cannot accept stealing, killings, rape, robbing, beatings, assaults, con games, or the myriad of connected crimes that have been perpetuated on homosexuals and excused because they have been done by other homosexuals. Practices of having homosexuals victimize other homosexuals must be stopped NOW.

Gay freedom must inherently contain rights for homosexuals to be secure in their persons and in their property. Let's move forward to a more aware Gay Community that stops excusing our criminals because they happen to be homosexuals.

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MARDI GRAS TIME IN NEW ORLEANS as told to and reported by Lou Greene

Whoever said that the New Orleans Mardi Gras is an experience, rather than just a celebration, knew what he was talking about. A couple dozen of the bike crowd from California tripped to New Orleans last week for this year's happening and truly found it an experience.

The "Run" was sponsored by the CYCLE MOTORCYCLE CLUB of New York, and was open to club members and friends throughout the nation. A dozen of club members from San Francisco and Los Angeles took advantage of the low price of the run. Once in New Orleans they were joined by a dozen more from SF who had gotten there on their own.

Headquarters in New Orleans was the Vieux Carre Motor Lodge on North Rampart Street and the beginning of the French Quarter. It quickly became the center of all activity, even fro those not part of CYCLE M/C's 90 some participants. The patio and swimming pool were popular places when the sun was out. It was fair weather except for the one day they had buckets of rain for hours, accompanied all the while by thunder and lightning.

There were just about two dozen parades to be seen, some of them going simultaneously. Most of them ended up at the Municipal Auditorium, only three blocks from the hotel, making it but a short walk to view them. The floats were fantastic and what those New Orleans drag queens can do with ostrich plumes is something else.

All the floats carried groups of people in masks appropriate to the theme. Naturally, they are called "maskers." They throw special dollar-size coins to the crowd and thousands of strands of beads as trinkets. The coins are called doubloons and are highly prized as souvenirs and good luck pieces.

As a matter of fact, the only physical casualty was a member of the CMC from San Francisco who fell off a fire hydrant from which he was trying to catch doubloons and then wrenched the other knee while wrestling with some little kids over some smart beads.

Each parade had its own theme. Each float in the parade then carried out the theme. The Venus parade theme was "Queens and their Consorts." Bacchus, played by comedian Bob Hope, had movies as its theme and floats therein portrayed everything from Atlanta Burning to Mary Poppins flying. Incidentally, the parades were going at night as well as day so really, the drunks had no excuse for not seeing at least one parade.

And speaking of drunks — it's no place for a teetotaler. It would appear to your correspondent that drinking is just not permitted — it's required. The bars are open 24 hours a day and during Carnival, as the nine days prior to Mardi Gras or Shrove Tuesday are called, drinking is done in the streets, on busses and just everywhere. Periodically, the debris is swept from the bars into the street and somehow, magically, it all disappears.

That's magic because the crowds were flocking the streets night and day and this one never saw any garbage trucks picking up the debris. Maybe one of the fairies waved her magic wand and it truly did just disappear.

As just said, Mardi Gras really means that last day, Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. That's the day where the drag queens who have been working on their costumes all year really shine.

THE Gay bar is LAFITTE'S IN EXILE. On Tuesday they had a big stage built in the street in front of the place. For hours the queens in drag paraded up and across the stage, to the tumultuous applause of thousands. It's an annual thing and the newspapers, in

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listing Mardi Gras events, dutifully include the "female impersonators" at the corner of Dumaine and Bourbon Streets. Hence, there were as many straight people as Gay people enjoying the drag parade.

Among the bike clubs, the CMC won participation honors as far as the West Coast was concerned, with four members, and their respective friends. Of course, New York's CYCLE M/C had the most, with nearly all their club members there. But there was the WHEELS M/C, also of New York. Boston's VIKINGS and ENTRE NOUS; Toronto's SPEARHEADS, Washington D.C.'s VULCANS; Detroit's TRIBE and of course, the COBRAS from Houston and Dallas. There were individual members of just about every club on the East side of the Mississippi River.

Parties there were. And parties and parties. CYCLE M/C had a fabulous "Marshmallow Ball." In the few hours before that party one could go into nearly any of the hotel rooms and find people busy putting together marshmallows in some fantastic way. Unfortunately, because of the humidity, the marshmallows had a tendency to melt a bit. One often heard cries of, "Don't crush my marshmallows."

CYCLE M/C also gave a lovely party in honor of the people from California. What went on there is better left to the imagination. Hope you have a good imagination.

Just about every local queen (and there were thousands) opened her house to visitors and a number of them seemed to be equipped with wall-to-wall mattresses. Naturally, there were round-the-clock parties at these homes. Anyone who didn't get plenty of party time that way just wasn't paying

attention.

Not surprising, some of the Gay parties were honored by the presence of movie and television stars the public generally thinks of as being straight. All the better to leave them all unnamed here.

Carnival, or Mardi Gras, starts on a low beat about ten days ahead of Lent and by that last day, Tuesday, everyone is caught up in Carnival fever. No scrooges there. The cops are pleasant, you can get waited on in restaurant with the waiter serving you with one hand while drinking his own drink with the other hand. Everyone may be a drunk but every drunk is a happy drunk. There's just no time for argument.

Russ, of FE-BE'S, goes there every year. No wonder he does, because it's worth it. Must note here that Russ, with a couple of his friends, had on black leather vests with the name of the bar in studs across the backs. People there thought FE-BE'S was a motorcycle club. No one bothered to tell such people any different. After all, it is a club.

All your humble correspondent can say is that it would be a crying shame if some person or bar or club didn't organize a local trip next year from San Francisco to the Mardi Gras. And it would be even more of a shame if the Gay kids didn't participate in a fantastic way. You don't know what a tremendous time there is to be had unless you go along and don't miss it.

TIDBITS — Lenny, of the 527, complained about midnight one night that he was too tired to drink. When told he ought to go to the hotel and rest, his reply was, "No, if I did I might miss something."

Lenny also had the cab driver stop on the way to the airport enroute home. He bought 100 pounds of fresh oysters — and carried them to the 527 as baggage.

Chuck H., of San Francisco, invited everyone to a party in his hotel room. Then he forgot all about it and went off to a party elsewhere.

Dick G., of CMC, wore blackface, as a cannibal, on Tuesday. He was the object of curiosity from dozens of small black children who couldn't understand why anyone would WANT to have dark skin.

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Tom R., also of the CMC, kept up a disappearing act. Seems as how one number from Dallas and another from Philadelphia both had the hots for him, while he was interested in basket shopping in the back room at LAFITTE'S.

Matthew of Glendale mailed 250 postcards from New Orleans. Only he had written and addressed them before he ever left California. He just wanted the New Orleans postmark — and they don't use it anymore.

Chuck H. and Lenny were among the crowd who paid \$18.00 each at the Ponchartrain hotel for a grandstand seat to watch the Proteus Parade one night. Only it rained and the parade was cancelled. They said the food was good, though.

Russ of FE-BE'S thought he'd make a quiet visit to relatives in nearby Biloxi, Miss. Seems though that his Mother thought it would be a good time to have a surprise family reunion. Russ fled back to New Orleans.

Don R., of CMC, found a sure way to get everyone up and presentable at an early hour. He would call room service for a pot of coffee and no one wanted to look disheveled when the waiter came in the room.

Well, that's about all for this time. Hope you get to go with all of us next year. As the little girl said to me when she hit me in the head with a plastic turtle — "Happy Mardi Gras."

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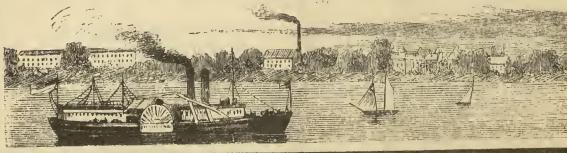
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BY MONTEZUMA

THE THIEF WHO CAME TO DINNER

Remember those wonderful mid-sixties comedy / mystery fun films

where the crooks were all gorgeous and robed and shot guns to the beat of Henry Mancini? Well, Bud Yorkin is trying to revive this genre of film with a highly mediocre picture, "The Thief Who Came To Dinner." All that's left from the original formula for such pix is the music by Mancini. In a pseudo-sophisticate role of the thief we find the prettier than talented Ryan O'Neal who proves that a nice set of teeth and an overcool attitude does not make a film. Also involved in this semi-froth is the beguiling Jacqueline Bisset who does her best with a very underwritten role. By far the best performance comes from Warren Oates, a familiar face who is finally making it in the "leading role" category (if George Kennedy can do it, why not Warren Oates?). He plays an insurance investigator who is sure that O'Neal is the master criminal that is stealing all the jewels from the very rich of Houston (at least a new setting for this adventure in

comedy/drama). The plot is a series of heists and fun fests ending up with O'Neal getting away as Oates can't bring himself to shoot the bubbly boy-crook.

The film tries so very hard to be light and fun but I for one get very tired of Mr. O'Neal's "gee, look, aren't I adorable" routines very fast. If you are an O'Neal buff then you will love the film as he is constantly cavitating - in and out of clothes. In smaller roles, Austin Pendleton stands out in his funny portrayal of a chess editor who is outwitted by the "chess burglar" (O'Neal leaves a chess piece and move with each theft - cute, huh?) and who unknowingly brings about the confrontation between Webster McGee (Ryan's oh-so-cute name in the film) and his nemesis, Oates, as Webster steals a chess set to give Pendleton as a consolation prize.

If you really dig this sort of "light" film and you are one of the many Ryan O'Neal-ites, then you should go, buy a bag of popcorn and giggle thru it.

MONTEZUMA PREDICTS:

oscartime is just around the corner and I've polished up my crystal ball (a little spic and spanish does wonders) and will plunge right ahead with my predictions as to the way the Academy will vote - followed by my choice if I were voting.

Best Picture: Academy: Godfather - Me: Cabaret.

Best Actress: Academy: Liza Minelli - Me: Maggie Smith

Best Actor: Academy: Marlon Brando - Me: Laurence Olivier

Best Supporting Actress: Academy: Shelley Winters - Me: Geraldine Page

Best Supporting Actor: Academy: Joel Gray - Me: Al Pacino

Best Director: Academy: Frances F. Coppola - Me: Bob Fosse

That about hits the highlights. We'll all see how it turns out on March 17th, a big Tuesday this year. About those other awards, The Goldens, I think this year is the first since the start of the awards that the competition is really competing. I don't even want to venture a forecast - in fact my crystal ball just broke (now what'll I do for earrings to the Awards?). Well, luvv, it'll all be a memory soon. For the losers, both in Hollywood and in S.F., just remember, there's always another year and after all tomorrow is another day...



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Fat Lips is having her 3rd Hanging (let's hope this one takes) on Mon., April 2nd, and would you believe, on Bob Ross's birthday yet.

The BLUE AND GOLD has a new gimmick on Mondays. A Pot Luck Lunch with Jim.

Thank you, Ed (the new manager of the RAMROD), for the first monogrammed yo yo. They now have a yo yo contest of Saturday with their Kiddie Matinee.

Miss San Francisco and Ms. S.F. should be a great evening. There will be limited seating, so get your order in early. To order your table, or to get an entry blank, call 626-2727 or 665-8227.

S.I.R.'s "40-40 Revue" should really be a gas. Tickets can be had at S.I.R.

This seems to be the year for trips. The Spirit of London sails for Mexico on April 11th. This is a five day trip and great for getting away from it all. See you aboard, mates, as I won't miss this one!!



Don't miss the GOLDEN AWARDS, as my spies tell me that after they got through nominating agian, there has been a lot of work put into the show (which it is) and should be better than last years.

Be sure and get out to the Parade meetings and make this year's Gay Freedom Day Parade bigger and better than last year. Please don't leave all the work and planning to a few!! It's your parade so get involved and let us know how you feel and what you want. For meeting times, call 474-9959.

Billie Diamond, I hope you have a wonderful year and we will be looking to, I'm sure, many great things.

By the way, Donna Mae will be having her ball soon as her reign is about over.

I'm on vacation, so will be back with tons of tidbits in the next issue!

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What happened to the Orange Juice Blender monies Boo... Teddy knows... And what were Boo and Gene Rosenthal in a huddle over... buying a

bar together maybe.

Joy Roland, where are all the lovely gifts that you received for your surprise birthday party... and it was a surprise wasn't it???

Seems as if the HOT HOUSE ceiling fell down again and again and again again.

Aunt Cissie from the SAUSALITO INN looks like Prince Valiant with the Page Boy hairdo... what ever happened to the crew cut Cissie...

Word of the week from Cristal: Gia-morris: Fat fairy holding a mirror in the 40-40's revue at S.I.R. being

directed by Cristal... yes, Jimmy Quinn is doing the wigs and Shirley the costumes.

What a great auction at FE-BE'S... north of Market was sure represented and Joe Roland, Charlotte, Cristal, Dixon and Betty Bonko were all having a ball.

Jack Kline is alive and well and living back in the Mission district taking care of a sick sister... John.

Nice to see Dippy Dauber working at the *P.S.... but you won't find any chicken there David.

Can you believe the Fat Fairy has already cracked the stage at S.I.R. during the 40-40's rehearsal. Speaking of 40 Odd... 40 Wide-names, I hear they are doing a satire on all of our great drag personalities in the city. That sounds appropriate... 40-40 at S.I.R. March 31, April 1.

At long last the real Third Hanging of Sweet Lips... Monday the 2nd of April, which is also Bob Ross' birthday... 40 I think. So do drop in and say hello to me and see the new 'Hanging.' Some really new and fabulous artifax...

Why do they call Jimmy (Maureen Stapleton) at the SAUSALITO INN... did you really enjoy Deep Throat.

What is the new mirror cleaner that they are using in the men's room at THE GANGWAY. Ask Joe Roland.

Leo (BLUE AND GOLD) I didn't know that you and George (Madam Lafarge) were partners in G & L Draperies... or is the name just a coincidence. How is the Blackberry Brandy holding up Leo... I had to give it up because of the gout.

Boo (NEW BELL) you should not recommend firms that make cocktail tables to other bars, especially when the bar couldn't pay for them after they were custom made.

Reba (CLOUD SEVEN and Tenderloin trips) have you read Time Mag's article (To Each His Bone)... Gravy Train is better according to College Students... with garlic.

What's this the Dowager Empress Cristal tells me. "Deep Throat... stars Lorelei... I'm sure that it is not playing on Market St. But South of Market....

According to Dizzy Diki the HANS OFF will soon be a new, new trip. What's that going to be 'HANS ON'... you sure do a wild trip there anyway

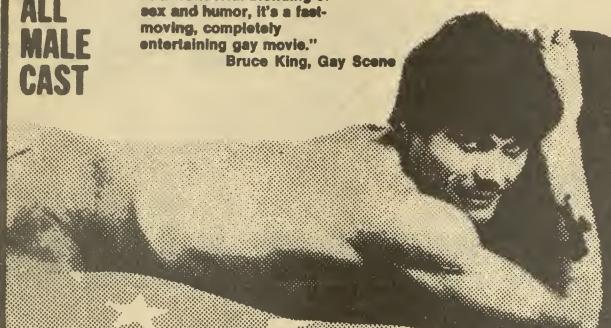
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Miss Mama Peck seems to be even more paranoid now that Voo Doo is working at TOTIE'S with her...

Dippy David Dauber of 'Read B.A.R. Next Week' collects most of his Polk Gulch Column on Sunday nites at THE KOKPIT from Cristal, Shirley and RexAnn. Happy she knows where it is...

Shirley had the one and only Prince Consort back in the hospital. Heaven planning. Shirley says he will be home to help with the new costumes for the BOY FRIEND.

Bo Peep (WILDE OSCAR) you will have to stop hiding monies in my dictionary, after all Rose Buckley looks in it once in a while.

What ever happened to C.K.W.? He must be responsible for the bad taste in 'After Dark.'

Empress Maxine must be four people the way she shows up at every and I do mean every function that is going on. Watch for the Royal Auction to be held at the NEW BELL SALOON on Monday the 26th of March... It'll be a blast so do come.

Stopped at VI'S for brunch and as we walked thru the door we saw Dog Biscuits tending bar... nice brunch Vi.... and thanx for your company.

Remember to get your neck trimmed for the Third Hanging of Sweet Lips.

A wild, wild auction at THE MINT on St. Patrick's Day... first time I have been an auctioneer and had a ball... but what am I going to do with all the plants that I bought Charlotte.

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ON THE Q.T.

ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTLY



Reports have been all good about Schatzie's new restaurant BIG TOWN except for one upstairs bartender. Dixon (Q.T.) couldn't believe ordering a drink and the bartender said 'Oh, I can have a drink too'... TOO MUCH.

Caucasion Checker: A little something new... we will do two bars at a time... Betty & ???, Warren & Steve, Steve & Rip, Rip & Larry, Dixon & Jay, Kitty & Rip, Rip & Larry & Vince, Larry & Kitty, Larry & Vince???? Sounds like Larry will run forever too... Uncle Sam Wants You Too....

From what I hear the two bartenders on Sat. Nite at the BOOT CAMP are really a Camp.

It's hard to pay for a drink from one and the other one is just hard, hard, hard. I wish they would get off of the Royalty announcing trips so I could go too...right Dixon.

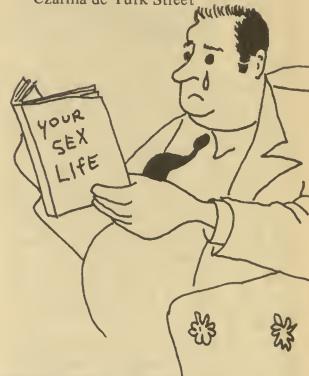
"Oh, Shit, it's Annabelle"... a famous quote at what bar.

A closing reminder: Remember you

have to be 21 years old to drink.... I.D.'s should be checked if there is any doubt.

Thank you Mr. Lip's for the wonderful weekend... hope we can do it a lot sooner... Smile....

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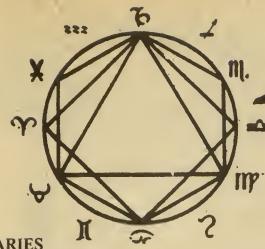
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ARIES

Everywhere one goes these days, Aries natives are out having fun. No wonder, for they are all approaching another birthday with the sense that now is the time for them to make hay. At two social gatherings in the recent week, one of every three people present was an Aries. The talk was loud and to the point, a bombardment of Aries ideas and opinions which would put a gathering of Geminis or Sagittarians in the shade.

Aries natives are very aggressive and enterprising. They are courageous pioneers and love adventure as much as the love their freedom. Although they have many good qualities, they also have some rather difficult problems. Their adventurousness is rather restless,

Astrology

BY **EL SCORPIO**

impatient and quick-tempered. They want all or none. And they want it all for themselves. In this they are not the least bit subtle, in fact, they tend to challenge you to try to stop them.

The Aires personality and mind share many qualities of other signs and therefore are often difficult to guess. They rush at ideas, quickly grasp whole situations, but forget the details. He has quick wit and ready comeback, but his mind goes all over the place. He attacks any job with relish, particularly if he is given an open hand to handle the task as he thinks best. He therefore attacks from three different directions at once. There is seldom a logical plan of action.

An Aires will not willingly suffer boredom. He wants to be where the action is, and if you cannot keep him interested, he will go elsewhere in his hunt. But the tendency is to skim the surface, to learn just enough about

anything to be conversant or knowledgeable, to appear to know many things enough to make a conversational impression. But the mind is usually shallow, without any real depth.

As with any other sign, however, few people manifest purely. Signs which help the Aires by more Aries are Leo and Sagittarius and Gemini. All other signs tend to soften him. Capricorn may energize him even further. But Pisces is the real enemy for it softens Aires processes and behaviors. Many Aires types have Mercury in Pisces, and this confuses and slows the Aires so he cannot make snap decisions or act without a great deal of prior thought.

In any relationship with an Aires, it is always his selfishness which must be really combated. He never comes up to being the great lover that Taurus, Leo, or Scorpio might be, because he is interested in himself. An Aires Ascendant will be rather romantic, but an Aires Sun departs the scene as soon as possible after love-making, unless you are at his place; then he goes to sleep.

It is difficult to say who would be a good partner for an Aires. Librans come closest, but they have to be Librans with plenty of know-how in creating interest and liveliness. Capricorns and Cancerians are the furthest away. Geminis and Aquarians provide the Aires personality with lots of life.

The fire signs Leo and Sagittarius are contestants in their own right, and combined with Aries, they all tend to burn each other out. This may be of some satisfaction to the Aires. It will have provided him with a real fun time. But when it is over, it is really done with. And when anything is over for Aires, it is very difficult to convince him he was ever initially interested. But Libras are always coming back for more, and glad of it, so an Aires ought to stick with someone who is happy to have him around.

Finally, as a result of the column on criticism several issues back, we have had two letters. One of these came from someone who actually needed astrological help. The other was a rather lengthy diatribe against every other columnist on this paper, and had absolutely nothing to do with astrology. The real kicker of this letter was its final page. The writer did not have, he

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confessed, the time or the inclination to involve himself in any of the community problems or movements. This after five pages of comments, and a six page letter is seldom written in a mere few minutes.

I read this letter carefully. It was stapled together so I would not lose any pages. It was obvious the writer felt that the community has no constructive leadership. But it also has people making themselves heard and with the daring to make some mistakes, or criticise each other in public forum. Someone who stays in an ivory tower and has not the guts to lead according to his conscience cannot even make a good follower. Anyone responsible enough to write long, long letters, should follow up and join in the fray.

Back to the subject of this column, Astrology. Another Full Moon, this time in Libra, must have made for a lively St. Patrick's Day. We now go into a weekend with the Moon in Sagittarius, starting at 2:27 PM Friday, and going into Capricorn at 1:38 AM on Monday. The pattern of aspects gives us half good and half strenuous times, but the concentration favours Friday and the early hours of Saturday and the early brunch-time Sunday.

Saturday morning Saturn is at 15 Gemini, Pluto and Uranus at 3 and 21 Libra, Neptune at 7 Sagittarius. Mars will be at 28 Capricorn, Jupiter at 5 Aquarius, Mercury and Venus at 15 and 29 Pisces. Venus goes into Aries at 12:35 PM Saturday. The Sun will be at three degrees Aries on Saturday.

ARIES: Things improve for you as you approach your birthday. You are feeling good, but the mind may not be operating at its best level until Mercury gets out of Pisces, or at least turns direct next week. Friday is a good day for you. Saturday is a day for study, planning, a new interest, but make sure your facts are right. You will want to do some traveling but not this weekend. Sunday improves and everything appears in a more optimistic light.

TAURUS: Lots of mental activity right now. The social activity for Friday is excellent, and you should get out and enjoy it. Watch the money on Saturday. Sunday you can go back to an easy social situation. Perhaps it is your turn to entertain. Help others enjoy your company.

GEMINI: Friends, lovers, and partners are your concern right now. Friday evening looks very good for socializing, but it is better to stay home Saturday evening for, then, you are not going to respond at your best level. Sunday is a good day to cooperate with others, but be prepared to adapt yourself to the scene around you.

CANCER: Your career is keeping you busy, and you should do your best on the job and in relations with co-workers. Friday holds quite a bit of promise, especially in the evening. You can push a little more strongly. Be a helper on Saturday and Sunday, but do not endanger your health and watch your diet.

LEO: Fun and travel are your concerns, and you would like to combine them. This is a time to plan ahead, although Friday is a good day for you to entertain because you will feel in top form. Sleep late Saturday and remember the brightness of Friday. Concentrate on logic more than sheer drama. If you must do something on Sunday, think of something different, but staying at home, reading and planning is the best idea.

VIRGO: Most of this weekend should be spent around the house working on improvements or simply doing chores. But Friday favors social activity with some push from you. Devote some time to your partner this weekend, and try to keep optimistic on Sunday no matter what changes occur in the morning.

LIBRA: Let your partner have the lead right now. Luck should be yours on Friday, and everything will suddenly seem to glow. Saturday take care of your routines and entertain your neighbors. Watch any evening travel with caution. Sunday stays sociable, so you should get out and meet people with serious purposes toward some accomplishment.

SCORPIO: Service of a helpful nature and money are now uppermost in your mind and will dominate the weekend. Friday is a good day to entertain, so you should throw a party. Saturday is a time to be cautious in whatever you do. Certainly no day to do your tax returns or handle the budget. Sunday stresses income considerations and new ways to make more money.

SAGITTARIUS: This should be a good weekend for you. Now is the time for you to have some fun and romance. Things improve Friday, and you carry a top-of-the-world feeling through the weekend. Go about in public and enjoy yourself. Be open to new experiences and keep your eyes open toward full participation in whatever is going on around you.

CAPRICORN: You, too, should have a good weekend, but stay in Saturday evening. Friday is a good day to devote to friends and to meeting with both old friends and new people. Saturday follow your inclinations in some new hobby or work around the house. Get off by yourself on Sunday, but keep a watch on diet and health through the weekend and help others feel pleasant, too.

AQUARIUS: Friends and neighbors now profit from your interest in them and their doings. Friday is a good business day which will turn into a fine social day. But Saturday it is going to be difficult for you to maintain a level of optimism. Do your best remember not to let it get down, for Sunday things will again feel more improved, so get about on Sunday.

PISCES: This is not a very expansive weekend for you, for there will be many things occupying your mind. Do not shut yourself off from the world on Friday just because it is not going to be all that glorious. But do spend a very quiet Saturday and give yourself a rest by not feeling that you have to accomplish something every minute. A quiet Sunday is in store.

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ALAN BATES, THE MASTER

Unfortunately, by the time this review is published, probably one of the finest dramatic productions to ever grace a San Francisco stage will be gone. The play is Simon Gray's "Butley", starring Alan Bates as the decadent, self destructive English professor Ben Butley. Mr. Bates turns in, without a doubt, the finest performance in his distinguished career. He is virtually a one-man show within the sometimes limited but, more often, brilliant character of Ben Butley.

Mr. Gray's script is a work of art with its crisp and insulting dialogue. The author has created, in the character of Ben Butley, a frustrated individual who is totally unable to cope with his own short comings and therefore is content on making everyone around him miserable.

The play opens as Butley arrives in his drab office at a British University.



Alan Bates in BUTLEY.. a tour de force.

As the play progresses the other characters are introduced. First, his male lover Joe, played by Howard Morse who is equally as confused as Butley. (Joe is subject of the brunt of Butley's

frustrations throughout the play) Next is Miss Hesman (Geraldine Sherman), a student, whom he belittles to death; followed by Edna Shaft, a colleague, (Barbara Lester) and finally by his wife Anne played by Holland Taylor. As each character unfolds his or her situation they are carefully ripped open by the vicious, middle age monster Ben Butley.

The crowning glory, however, comes with the arrival of Joe's new lover Reg Nuttall (Roger Newman), who is as cool as a cucumber and as sly as a fox. There is almost no contest between the down to earth Reg and the raging Butley. As the play closes it is obvious Ben Butley will have to be content with himself and himself alone, which in a manner of speaking, may be the only way he can be stopped or can he?

THE CHUCK LARGENT REVUE

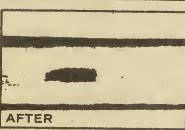
THE CHUCK LARGENT REVUE currently at THE VILLAGE is not one of Mr. Largent's better efforts. After the brilliant success of the first two editions at LATEX LILLIE'S and THE MINT, this revue lacks the Chuck Largent magic. His choice of musical selections is redundant, bland and for the most part unexciting. The show literally



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suffers from too many pretty songs sung one right after the other.

Anyhow, there are moments when the revue comes alive and the performances are excellent. Jose' Sarria, who is definitely a star, proves to be the outstanding member of the eight man group. His renditions of "There Are Fairies In The Bottom Of My Garden" and "I, Sancho" are by far his best. Next is Roger Learn who delights with "Alone Again, Naturally"; followed by Martin Meredith, who has to be the one sparkling gem of the entire production. His stage presence, physical appearance and overall vocal ability are a joy to witness. The next performer, who should be included in the group of notables, is John Carlyle. Although, vocally Johni is not used to his full capacity, he does have his moment with "I, Don Quixote"... it's superb... Other members of the ensemble include Tadd Waggoner, Darryl Andre, Charles Bodnar and Sasha Alexander, the latter two being the weakest of the group.

Encore West has remodeled the Crown Room (downstairs) at THE VILLAGE into eye pleasing surroundings with colorful table tops and a canopied stage located in the center of the room. Dinner is served befroe the revue and I found the meal palatable.

Mr. Largent, who admittedly has never staged in the round, does an adequate job in the limited confines of the small square stage. Unfortunately, most of the time, I personally, found his staging much too frantic for my taste.

The music, as well as costumes, are handled by James Thomason-Bergner. His piano accompaniment is excellent; however, his costumes do not measure up to his musical ability. Also a drummer, not listed in the program, is featured.

If you are looking for a pleasant evening, THE CHUCK LARENT REVUE and dinner is a bargain. If you're seeking something more exciting you may be disappointed.

WHO IS MARY CLEERE?

On Friday and Saturday, March 9th and 10th, a performer electrified a capacity audience at THE MINT. Her name is Mary Cleere. Her vocal presentation consisted of pop standards such as "As Time Goes By" (one of my favorites), "Anything Goes" (including



A new talent in our city, Miss Mary Cleere.

a tap solo) and "Over The Rainbow." She further proved her versatility with selections from "Broadway flops" featuring "Flora The Red Menace."

By the conclusion of her performance she was being compared to Barbra Streisand, Bette Meddler and Judy Garland. She is not any of these entertainers, she is simply Mary Cleere, and I hope she'll always remain that way. Good talent does not walk in the door every day and I certainly hope Miss Cleere will be back again!

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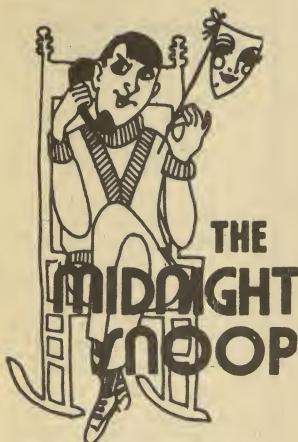
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Show News



by Donald MCLEAN

JANE RUSSELL IN "MAME"

The Circle Star Theater proudly presented Miss Jane Russell in the sleaziest, tacky production of MAME possible recently, and the capacity houses during the lady's run prove that some audiences will sit through anything for a "name attraction." And, in all deference to Miss Russell, there were moments during the evening she managed to convince me (almost) that I had journeyed to San Carlos for good reason. Unfortunately, a star does not a show make!

MAME is performed in-the-round

under the ho-hum direction of John Bowab. About the most that can be said for him is he managed to keep the chorus from bumping into each other, and in this production, that was an achievement. Sets in-the-round are minimal but these were ridiculous; Mame's lavish New York Beekman Place apartment consisted of two wooden boxes with various tablecloths thrown over them. Costumes, with the exception of the Mame number and Miss Russell's, were St. Vincent De Paul rejects of no discernible period. The show, which is quite long enough to begin with, was broken into three acts instead of the original two so gangrene of the ass was guaranteed.



JANE RUSSELL — Right star, wrong vehicle!

In the supporting cast, the men fared much better than the ladies. All three Patricks, Mark Savage, Ronnie Brooks, and the adorable Brad Savage, were excellent. Robert R. Kaye, as Beauregard, had good presence and an exceptional voice for the 16 bars of the title song that are all his. Betty

McGuire, as Vera, was just strange; when she sang, I loved her, when she tried to act, I shuddered. Carole Doscher, Agnes Gooch, ran a hard second in the Strange Department. Her first act was awful, but when she got into "Gooch's Song", she came to life. Joy Smothermon, as Gloria Upson, and Julia Milford, as Pegeen, were smooth and polished, but unfortunately, their roles don't come until the third act and by then, who cared?! The chorus, slim in number, sang and danced like it was an Actor's Fund Benefit and flashed Ice Follies smiles and should be given credit for trying to pump life into a dismal production.

And that brings us to the famous leading lady, Jane Russell. Upon her first entrance, in glamorous hot pink bugle beaded lounging ensemble, the little stir that runs through an audience when they are pleased was quite evident. She looks great! And she sings surprisingly well. But Mame Dennis she isn't! Miss Russell lacks the light breeziness to carry off the bitchy retorts, the scatterbrained unconcern, or the grand disregard for convention. But when she hits the serious moments of the show, such as "If He Walked Into My Life," stand back and give the lady room because she is a fine technician and solid performer. The right star with the wrong vehicle. She is not a high style comedy performer but she works with effortless command (and isn't that the mark of a true star?).

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overall production. In a nutshell, "MAME" STANK!!! It just proves that no amount of good talent onstage (and there was some) can save bad direction, lackluster choreography and shoddy production values. And, as usual, the Circle Star orchestra, under the direction of Robert McNamee, served as an example of what a good show orchestra should sound like.

I liked Jane Russell, but I hated MAME!!

ON THE PROWL

LAST MINUTE INFORMATION

To answer a barrage of questions about the GOLDEN AWARDS coming up this Saturday evening, there will be NO public voting at the door the night of the awards. You are mailed a ballot with your ticket when you order and that ballot MUST be mailed to the accountant (envelope is furnished by the Academy pre-addressed) before March 23rd. You cannot hand it in at the door Sat. night. And, yes, tickets will be sold at the door on the 24th but buyers will NOT receive a ballot for voting at the last minute. I hope this clears up some of the confusion about the voting. Good luck to all the nominees and see you Saturday at the KABUKI THEATER!

GOLD STREET

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

GOLD STREET has announced a new policy of special two-night-only shows on Sunday and Monday nights (when Mr. Pierce is off playing poker). The first attraction opening on March 25th and 26th will be Kimo and Lori Shannon teamed together for the first time in a live revue entitled "Censored and Uncensored." It's rumored that for a bang-up switcheroo ending, Kimo will sing "Lady Is A Tramp" while Lori hacks himself to death in the knife dance. Sounds fun, if a bit bloody. The lineup of attractions for the first four weeks are as follows:

March 25th & 26th - Kimo & Lori Shannon - "Censored & Uncensored."

April 1st & 2nd - "B.J." - The Sound of Nat "King" Cole

April 8th & 9th - Hadda Brooks & Momi Starr.

April 15th & 16th - Carroll Davis & Sandy Roger

All shows will be presented at 9:30 and 11:00 each night with \$1.00 door charge. And, of course, Charles Pierce

and his revue continue playing Tues. thru Sat. nights.

AND, La Shannon will appear for two-weeks-only with his salaciously satisfying satire (you see, Mr. Arceri, I do read your column!) at the FROLIC ROOM opening March 28th thru April 7th. This reunites Lori and Tommy Almon, the two original HIGHLIGHTERS, and should revive some oldies-but-goodies. Currently appearing this week at the FROLIC is Pepper Fox, continuing their policy of rotating guest stars.

JACKSON'S SWINGS ON SUNDAYS

JACKSON'S has a new treasure on Thurs. thru Sun. nights, the versatile Vera Voshelle at the piano bar. Miss Voshelle plays everything, from honky tonk to show tunes to audience sing-a-longs, and has started playing on Sunday afternoons from 1 till 5 as well for all you brunchers who like to warm up your golden pipes early. Definitely a "must" for just a fun evening of relaxed entertainment.

RETORT TO PUDGY

The interview with Pudgy Roberts in the current KALENDAR cannot go unanswered. To begin with, if Mr. Roberts can state that he's been an impersonator for 5½ years, that interview must have been clipped from an old Police Gazette. I knew Pudgy 8years ago, and then he'd been around quite a while. And if he is considered "the last word in it," and "its leading exponent," the first word that comes to mind is "S---!" His comedy is of the dirty-mouth, filthy gimmick school that the tired businessman in a burlesque house might find funny, but few others. But the whole interview is the greatest putdown of impersonators I've ever read (except for the glorious Mr. Roberts of course), so with that attitude, no wonder he finds other impersonators unhelpful. And while he puts down hormones, silicone and sex changes, he turns around and says European impersonators are better entertainers. Cochinelle ain't exactly the end he-man, honey! And that's the most famous of all the European performers.

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European performers have been playing clip-and-tuck long before American impersonators gave it a thought (well, it's so handy to run over to Casablanca). I suggest Mr. Roberts continue putting out his FEMALE MIMICS Magazine for the closet transvestite and leave entertaining to those who can/are and do!!

ERNESTINE ZAPS KELSEY

Well, it finally happened. After years of David Kelsey doing his hilarious takeoff as Ernestine, the telephone operator, Lily Tomlin had a special on TV last Friday where she did a gorgeous takeoff of the cocktail bar organists. In

a starched beehive hairdo and a 1950's blue satin mid-calf evening gown, Miss Tomlin sang snatches of songs, encouraged audience sing-a-longs, always with the smile plastered on ear to ear and the famous snifter for tips close at hand. IT was truly hilarious and I don't think I'll ever be able to look at David quite the same way again.

40-40'S REVUE COMING

S.I.R. will present its annual "40-40's Revue" on Sat. night, March 31st, and Sunday afternoon, April 1st. Director / Co-Ordinator for the show this year is none other than the legendary Dowager Empress Cristal,

known to his intimate friends as Pewter. This is a show strictly for fun, done in the spirit of high camp with special guest stars lending "cameo" appearances. Reservations may be obtained by calling S.I.R. Special clue: Did you know Ethel Merman is singing nightly in the kitchen of the *P.S.?

QUICKIES

Michelle (yes, IT's Him Again) has been invited to emcee the LULU AWARDS in Los Angeles early in April. Quite an honor, but is the stage big enough for those yards and yards and yards and...

What's going on every afternoon in the basement of JACKIE D'S? The Snoop knows! It's called Rehearsing Underground.

I wish Don Cavallo of the FICKLE FOX would finish building his "Stairway to the Stars." We need a good intimate live show!

PLAZA SUITE well into rehearsal for a May opening at S.I.R. Center. Poor Nancy walking around jibbering to herself trying to learn three roles at once. AAhhh.

Rumor of a new independent theatre group forming, comprised of established theatre names you would know, planning to produce a Noel Coward comedy late August or early Sept. Backers currently being recruited. Show will possibly co-star two of our Best Actress nominees. How's that for a clue??!

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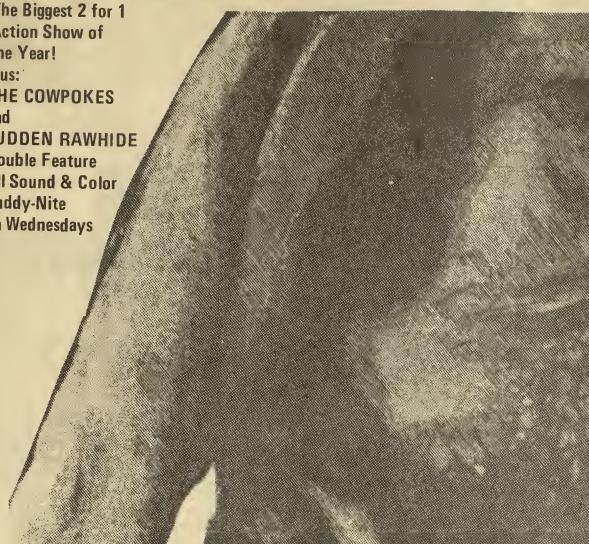
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Later on in the week, Charlotte of THE MINT staged a Live Plant Auction in the afternoon and in the evening, bringing out the stellar personalities of Our Town to again bid and buy the beautiful plants on the auction block. The Lovely Laura, Bashka, Bob Ross

and other personalities again donated their time and energy to help make this auction a success. On behalf of all persons involved, our thanks to Don & John of FE-BE'S and Charlotte of THE MINT for their efforts to help raise the funds so badly needed by Marion, a true, gracious friend of the community.

BARBARY COASTERS M/C CELEBRATE 7TH YEAR

If you happen to see any member of the BARBARY COASTERS M/C bopping around town this weekend it would be nice if you'd walk up and congratulate them on the 7th Anniversary of their organization. A gala affair will be held this Saturday night, March 24, for over 300 persons at the Hall on Fremont Street to commemorate the event. Our best wishes are extended to the BARBARY COASTERS M/C on this happy occasion.

BUTCH BRUNCH VI A SMASHING SUCCESS

Despite the fantastically warm weather last Sunday, friends of the SAN FRANCISCANS M/C converged on the Hall on Fremont Street to participate in

another culinary orgy with booze (all you could eat and drink) from 11 to 3 P.M. Those funny, funny CONSTANTINES outdid themselves with camp attire and everyone in attendance agreed it was one of the most fun events of the month. Jess, President of the club was busier than a one-armed paper hanger, but the function came off flawlessly and our thanks to the SAN FRANCISCANS for a good time event.

THE SICKIES ARE UP TO NO GOOD AGAIN

Just how sick some members of the community are is no laughing matter. It takes more perseverance and faith in yourself to keep a bar open and running smoothly than you can imagine; especially when you run into some of the poor, mis-directed sick souls who have nothing better to do than shit disturb. Take for instance, the people who slash your bar stools or bar padding. Then, there are the ones who call the Fire Department and report a fire in your place; the next sicker ones are those who put padlocks on your front door while you're still open and the ones who cut your wires to the sound system, or break the toilet fixtures. But the latest sick madness is sending fake police into your bar to ask you to kick out the customers over the legal limit or person capacity. It makes you wonder what makes people so vicious and evil and these we can do without. Despite all these stupid practices, a bar is popular because of its policies, its bartenders and the

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atmosphere that makes the customers feel at home, comfortable and able to enjoy themselves. No matter what evilness being done to your bar, you know your customers are happy and after all, isn't that what Gay bars are for?

NEW ROYALTY REIGNS TO THE EAST AND NORTH

Small contingents of San Francisco journeyed to Vancouver and Reno over last weekend to witness the coronations of the First Czar and Empress II of Vancouver in the North, and the Queen of Reno in the East. The group who flew to Vancouver enc countered a difficult situation at Customs in that beautiful city. It appears as though SOMEBODY admitted to visiting Canada for a "Gay" function and the customs officials denied them entrance, and the hearty band had to fly back to Seattle and then bus themselves back into Vancouver. At any rate, a good time was had by all and sincere congratulations to Raymond, Czar I of Vancouver and Mona Lee, Empress II, Empress of Canada, Ted Northe, presided over the festivities. Luscious Lorelei represented Empress Maxine and Jim McDonald, of the EXIT in Oakland, represented the Emperor.

In Reno, Miss "T" was crowned Queen and larger group headed by Empress Maxine and her contingent and the action-conscious COITS of SAN FRANCISCO had a huge busload of merry makers who converged on DAVE'S VIP CLUB in Reno for the event. Congratulations to the new reigning monarchs.

THE RE-BIRTH OF MARKET STREET

Did you know there are eight Gay bars on Market Street from Van Ness

Avenue to Castro? Consider, THE WOOD SHED, TIFFINY'S, THE MINT, NAKED GRAPE, PURPLE PICKLE, THE SHED, MISSOURI MULE, THE HOUSE, and the soon-to-be-open LOG CABIN... In addition, there are several Gay businesses such as DUVAL'S BOUTIQUE, PET'S WORLD, KALENDAR offices, SHED PLANT SHOP and others. Now, the latest entry is THE CITY DUMP, and you can be assured that with Bill McWilliams and Bill Bailey involved, you're due for another big, fun bar. Watch for announcements for one bar that will be totally different from any other Gay bar in Our Town and that's a promise.

DOTTED MADNESS AND TRIVIA TRIPS

Have you seen the new TAIL Newsletter? It's a small publication out of Indianapolis and you can tell by the name of it, it deals with adherents to one part of the body... Next big bike run is out of the Southland (Los Angeles) by the SADDLEBACKS M/C on Easter weekend, those dates being April 20-22... Harrison House is a comfy hotel for you and it should be fun living there because your roommates would be Bob Page (RAMROD), Jeff (BOOT CAMP), Terry (BIG TOWN), Danny (ROUND UP), and a host of other groovy bar and bartender types. No wonder Mother Elmer is so happy managing the place... Hey did 'ya know that if you have any kind of sexual hang-ups, you can call the SF Sex Information Bureau and rap with someone sympathetic and understanding? Just dial 665-7300 and they'll listen to you for days and even offer helpful advice and counselling referrals... Watch out for ads advising of BIG TOWN'S Grand Opening on March

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30, 31 & April 1st, with big shindigs planned for royalty, drags, bike clubs and the Cast Party for the 40-40's Review at S.I.R. They started serving the most fantastic brunches there last weekend and each item on the menu by Executive Chef (Polish) Schatzi is named after some personality in the community and is absolutely delicious... And speaking of Schatzi, you know that's a Polish kitchen because he has tapes and records of every polka known to mankind and how's that for Polish togetherness?... The Tambourine Contest at the WILD GOOSE last week was really a big event.

Talk about a symphony of noise! The fantastic Beltha took all honors and that famous lady of Polka Street Ann Carr, known to everyone on the 'strase, did a Charleston that makes Cyd Charisse look like a spastic. Danny, Bob, Robin, Dallas (Dog Tags) and Ken (Mr. Cowboy) are the bartenders who make it such a fun place... Hope you read the big write up given to South of Market's own COUNTRY CLUB; headed by Ralph Rotten, I'll really say Ray Rule was celebrating last Sunday at the BOOT CAMP. The Sunday Chronicle/Examiner laid a big trip on everyone's head with that million dollar

free publicity... Ever notice how groovy the cab drivers of Luxor and DeSoto are? The most outstanding ones to the "night people" are Bob and Max (a real character) and a few others are liked by most bar people... FLASH! The first declared for the Empress IX title next year is Lenny Lynn of JACKIE D'S and she states emphatically that if she wins, she will not forget her Tenderloin friends... Watch for announcements of the PURPLE PICKLE'S BIG M&M Party for Empress Maxine and the Emperor very, very soon... Now that Gary L., of the ROUND UP has successfully completed Decorating School, Beautician School and Airline School, he has assumed a position at Swish Palace (and all you S.P.-ers know what that means) and almost freaked out when told to beware of a hot drag. For the layman, a hot drag in railroad talk is a train that must go through immediately and I can understand why Gary freaked out... Did you ever wonder why Randy Johnson (Butterfly Column in KALENDAR) never writes about GRUBSTAKE NO 2? They do too, but he's cool — very cool... San Francisco has got to be the most fantastic place in the world, at least Emil of the German FF of A thinks so and he's from Frankfurt; And wonder what all the Western Conference of MCC Ministers were doing in the BOOT CAMP last weekend as were Bill of the EAGLE (Wash., D.C.) and that gorgeous Ross of the RAMROD in Chicago... Congratulations to Jack, new Prezz of the CMC and all the other new officers... And Pat D. formerly of the FROLIC ROOM and other toilets, gets a new nickname every other week, having been Peppermint Patty, Patty Plummer and the latest, Pattie Hon, and that sounds like a Tennessee nickname to me... Latest star behind the bar at the RENDEZVOUS & BIG TOWN is Ronn Hoyt and is he any relation to Donn Hoyt of FE-BE'S?... If you want a special party with dinner and drinks, luscious atmosphere, china, fireplace, crystal, chandeliers etc., check out the new V.I.P. room at BIG TOWN...

End of the line, but be good, bé kind, love your neighbor and good night David Dauber, wherever you are.

Emperor Marcus



The Empress CONNECTION

Maxine
Empress de San Francisco VIII

The auction for Marion (the juke box lady) held at FE-BE'S, March 13th was not to be believed for the wonderful turn out and give aways were worth having. Can't wait to see the results of that fine auction. Thank you for your support. Our love to all.

The First Royal Command Auction is to be held at the Imperial NEW BELL Palace 1203 Polk Strasse, March 26th Monday at 8 PM. Please get all your unwanteds together. We promise you fun times and a great evening with yours truly, your favorite Dowagers and Czarina, Tsarina and Tzarina. All three spelled different. There is a reason. Mr. Auctioneer will be there, to assist.

Reno (March 17th, Sat.) was not to be forgotten. The time we had at DAVE'S VIP, the TRAPP (yes, there's one in Reno) and the JADE ROOM. Reno now has a new "Queen," Miss T. whose a very delightful person and fun to be with. Good luck, Miss T. have a happy reign. Thanks to the COITS and Melanie as M.C. It was fun. To you Zane Tamas, Mike (of the TRAP) and Peal of

the JADE ROOM who made our trip a very memorable one. Thank you!

A surprise Birthday Party (March 20th - Tues.) was at the GANGWAY for Joe Roland who is now "50" with Sweetlips as host, who is also "50".

We also had to move faster, on our way to Oakland for the second day of "Ruby's" Grand Opening. Hostesses were Reba, Dowager Empress IV and yours truly. Get us together and nothing goes right. The jokes we tell each other are not to be believed.

By the way - Emperor Marcus also celebrates his birthday today at the BOOT CAMP. I guess all good people are born this day. My love and best to you, Joe and Marcus, More to come.

March 24th - Saturday, It's time for "Goldie" to appear once again. Our idea of the Hollywood "Oscar." This is one of our big events of the year, to be held at the KABUKI THEATER at the Japanese Cultural Center, at 8:30 PM.

This year lists, three "Best Musicals," - "Wonderful Town," "Hello, Dolly!", and "Mame." The performances done by three great stars whom we all know are in the "Best Actress" Award in a Musical. Needless to say that Lori Shannon, Michelle and Faye had shown their talents and are quite sure and certain that we will be seeing a lot more of them, whether they receive a "Goldie" or not. Good luck at the GOLDEN AWARDS.

March 26th - Monday, A Royal Command Auction. Support your Empress Fund. NEW BELL Palace, 8

PM. Gather yours, get yours, we're sure that whatever your needs are, you'll find it. Be seeing you. Love to have ya!!

What's happening, Dicki Dare Dalring? What's this about "Laundry Day Closed?" Or is it Rome's vacation's one? Of course there's no one that can replace him.

March 27th -- Tuesday, The Academy Awards has kept a lot of people in with spaghetti feeds and private parties. So the bars that will be entertaining their patrons are the RENDEZVOUS with prizes, the WILD OSCAR, and ON THE LEVEE (with the Godfather) who will be having two color TV sets and two special dinners.

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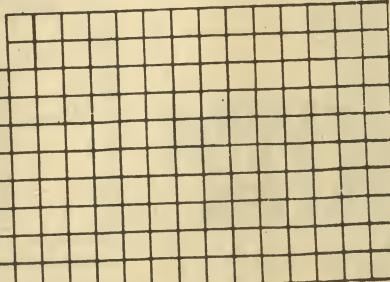
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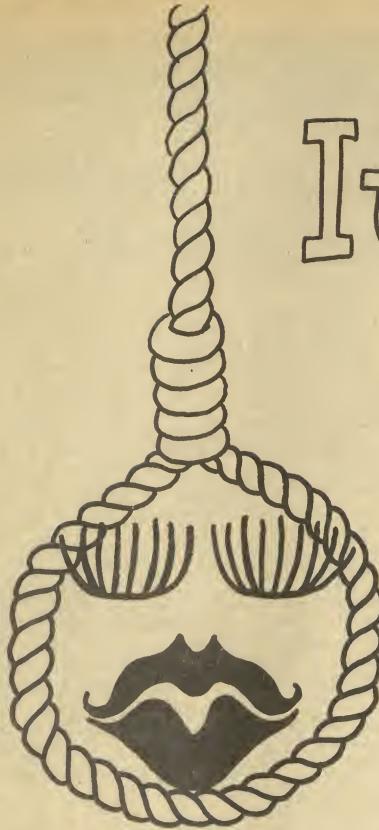
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